GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1566
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2016
Rural Talent for Olympics
Godse Shri Hemant Tukaram

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to identify sports talent in rural areas with the aim to clinch more medals in international events like Olympics, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
(b) the details of the camps organised in rural areas during each of the last three years to identify sports talents, State-wise;
(c) the details of centres developed in rural areas with world class coaching facilities;
(d) the details of sports identified where more medals can be clinched in international events; and
(e) whether there is any proposal to establish sports academy to train and produce international level players?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)
(a) The Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous body under the aegis of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, implements a whole bouquet of Sports Promotional Schemes to identify and nurture sports talent amongst rural & tribal youth in the country. The Sports Promotional Schemes implemented by SAI are as under:
? National Sports Contest Scheme (NSTC) (including Indigenous Games & Martial Arts (IGMA) & Adopted Akharas)
? Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)
? SAI Training Centre (STC)
? Special Area Games (SAG)
? Extension Centres of STC/SAG
? Centre of Excellence (COE)
? National Sports Academies
(b) & (c) SAI organises National Coaching Camps for the elite sportspersons preparing for international competitions. Such camps are organised in various SAI Centres all over India and a few camps in non-SAI centres. The centres identified for training of elite athletes are equipped with international standard infrastructure and equipments.
(d) The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in its 'Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme' in the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) has identified Athletics, Archery, Badminton, Boxing, Wrestling, Weightlifting and Shooting as the sports disciplines which have the potential of clinching more medals in international events.
(e) The SAI proposes to establish 13 sports academies in various parts of the country. Of these, 5 are already functional. Details of these 13 academies are given in Annexure-I.
*****